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Statement by FMCS Director George H. Cohen On Verizon-CWA-IBEW Labor Talks

WASHINGTON, D.C. — For the past ten days, the parties have been engaged in continuous negotiations under the auspices of myself and Director of Mediation Services John Pinto. The negotiations have been constructive and progress has been made, but significant key issues remain to be resolved. Negotiations will resume on Monday, August 6, at our offices.

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